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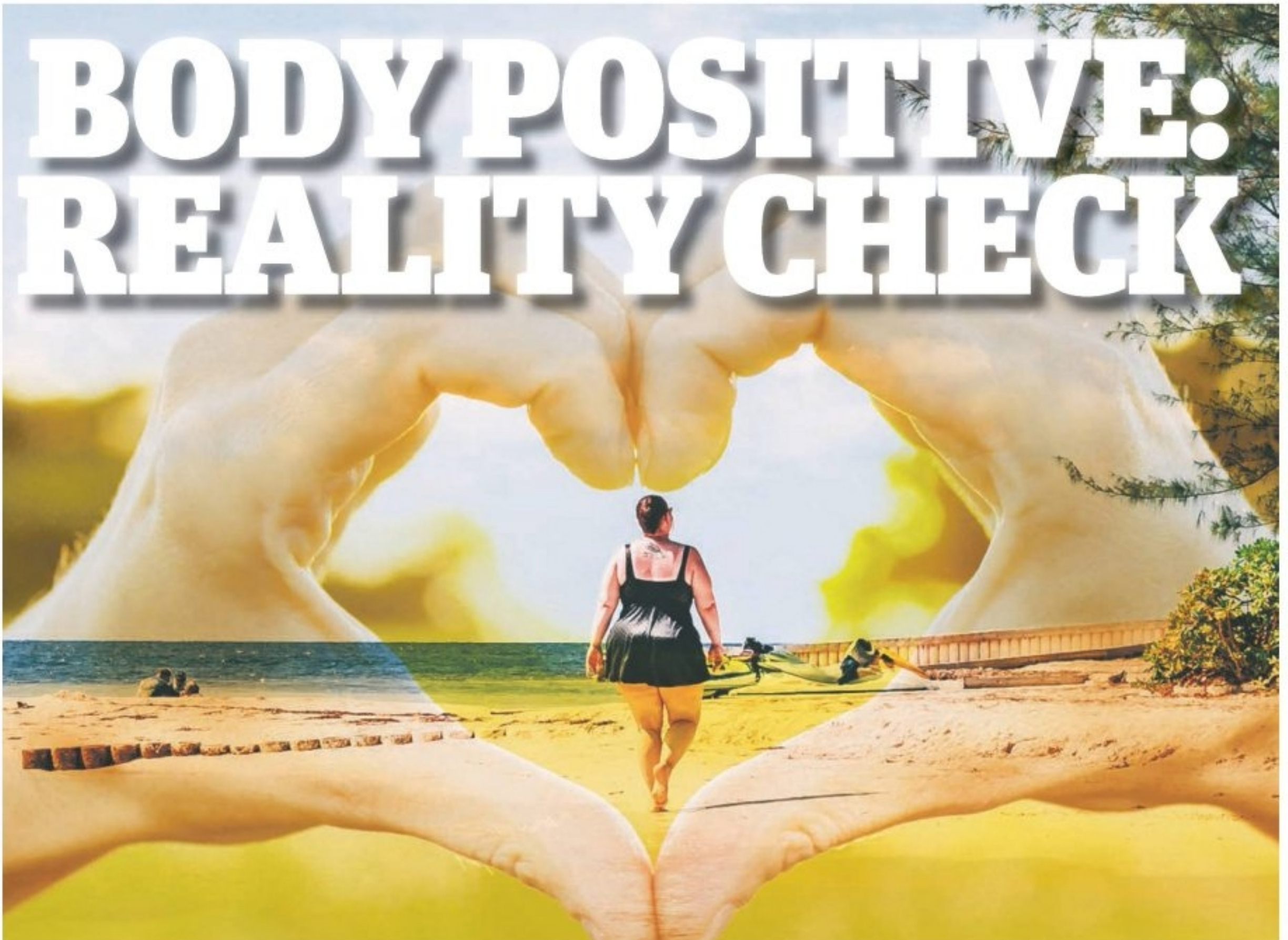
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BODY POSITIVE: REALITY CHECK



Metro reporter Nikki M. Mascali has struggled with body image most of her life, so when she went on her dream vacation, she made the effort — with some help from model Charli Howard — to not let this issue become a burden. Find out how Nikki's vacation turned out. 6-7

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THINGS TO KNOW



NIKKI M. MASCALL, REPORTER

I've struggled with my weight and body image for most of my life. But when I was offered the trip of a lifetime to Grand Cayman, I knew I needed to stop the cycle of letting my body issues stop me from enjoying myself — and my life. So I got some tips from body-positivity model and ambassador and All Women Project co-founder Charli Howard and embarked on a body-positivity experiment. Find out how I fared on page 6-7 or by visiting metro.us.

WELCOME TO METRO PHILLY

FRENCH GANGSTER IN HELICOPTER PRISON ESCAPE

IA French gangster is on the run Sunday after escaping in a helicopter that landed on prison grounds, according to France's justice ministry. Redoine Faïd was serving a 25-year sentence at a prison south of Paris for an armed robbery that went wrong in 2010, which led to the death of a policewoman. He is one of the country's most infamous criminals whose police record has reportedly inspired Hollywood blockbuster movies such as "Scarface" and "Heat." Justice Minister Nicole Belloubet said a helicopter landed in a courtyard not covered by any

nets. "This was a spectacular escape," she told reporters. "It was an extremely well-prepared commando unit that may have used drones to survey the area beforehand." Two heavily armed gunmen jumped from the helicopter to free Faïd from the visitors' room where he was visiting with one of his brothers before hopping into the helicopter, she said. A third gunman had stayed in the helicopter with the pilot, who had been taken hostage. Nobody was injured and police arrested Faïd's brother.

BOISE KIDS INJURED AT BIRTHDAY PARTY

2A man went on a stabbing spree at a 3-year-old's birthday party at an apartment complex that housed refugee families in Boise on Saturday. Nine people, including six children, were injured, police said on Sunday. Timmy Kinner, a 30-year-old from Los Angeles who had been staying at the complex, has been arrested, according to Boise police. He is reportedly not an immigrant and went on the rampage a day after being asked to leave by one of the residents. Kinner was being held without bail at the Ada County jail on 15 charges,

including injury to a child and aggravated battery, according to court records, where there was no lawyer listed for Kinner. Police Chief Bill Bones said at a press conference on Sunday that Kinner may have wanted to "extract vengeance" for being kicked out by a woman tenant who took him in. She was unharmed and not at the residence during the attack. Kinner assaulted the children at the party after he was unable to find the woman, police said, adding his motive was still under investigation. "This was an attack against those who are most vulnerable, our children."



EAST COAST HEAT WAVE

3Visitors try to cool off in a downtown fountain in sweltering heat on Sunday in Philadelphia. An excessive heat warning has been issued in Philadelphia and along the East Coast as a heat wave strikes the region this week.

US HAS PLAN TO DISMANTLE N. KOREA NUKES

4White House national security adviser John Bolton said on Sunday he believed the bulk of North Korea's weapons programs could be dismantled within a year, although some experts say the complete process could take far longer. Bolton told CBS's "Face the Nation" that Washington has devised a program to dismantle North Korea's weapons of mass destruction — chemical, biological and nuclear — and ballistic missile programs in a year, if there is full cooperation and disclosure from Pyongyang. "If

they have the strategic decision already made to do that and they're cooperative, we can move very quickly," he said. "Physically we would be able to dismantle the overwhelming bulk of their programs within a year." According to Bolton, Secretary of State Mike Pompeo will likely discuss the proposal with North Korea soon. The Financial Times reported that Pompeo was due to visit North Korea this week but the State Department has not confirmed any travel plans. Some experts disputed Bolton's optimistic time frame.

TESLA HITS MODEL 3 MANUFACTURING MILESTONE

5Tesla Inc. nearly produced 5,000 Model 3 electric sedans in the last week of its second quarter with the final car rolling off the assembly line on Sunday morning. That was several hours after the midnight goal set by Chief Executive Elon Musk, two workers at the factory told Reuters. The 5,000th car finished its final quality checks at the Fremont, California, factory around 5 a.m. PDT, one person said. Whether Tesla can maintain that level of production for

a longer period is unclear. Musk said the company hit its target of 5,000 Model 3s in a week, according to an employee's email and seen by Reuters Sunday. Tesla also expects to produce 6,000 Model 3 sedans a week "next month." "I think we just became a real car company," Musk wrote. The company hit the Model 3 mark while also achieving its production goal of 7,000 Model S and Model X vehicles in a week, Musk said in the email. Tesla confirmed the contents of the email.

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State Sen. Vincent Hughes looks around a Roosevelt Elementary classroom where peeling lead paint is visible on the walls. It's now set to be cleaned this summer with \$15.6 million in emergency funds. **SAM NEWHOUSE**

Emergency funding for lead paint, asbestos in Philly schools

Environmental hazards at some 57 Philadelphia schools will be addressed thanks to emergency funding from the city and state.



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Looking around a kindergarten classroom at Roosevelt Elementary School in Germantown where peeling lead paint

had been discovered, state Sen. Vincent Hughes asked the question on everyone's mind.

"You're going to fix all this in two months?" he asked.

In fact, the answer is yes.

Thanks to the \$15.6 million in joint city and state funding that was announced on Friday, the School District of Philadelphia will now be able to remediate issues with peeling lead paint, mold and asbestos across its aged public school buildings by Aug. 27, before students pour back in for the fall semester.

While overall, Philly schools have been estimated to require about \$5 billion in repairs and upgrades, this emergency funding is expected to help the district address urgent problems with asbestos, lead and mold — which, after lengthy exposure, can potentially create serious health hazards, especially for children. The School District had already planned a "rigorous work schedule" over the summer to address these problems, but the new funding assures that they will get the job done, officials said.

The environmental issues in school buildings came into sharper focus due to the Inquirer's "Toxic City" investigative series, which reported on environmental problems in some aging Philadelphia schools that in some cases could lead to serious medical issues if left untreated. Leaders at the press conference acknowledged the media helped bring home the urgency of the environmental hazards.

"One of the great benefits we all get from a free and unfettered press is that we learn of issues we really need to address," Gov. Wolf said. "Keep pushing to make sure we do the right thing. This is the right thing to do."

Some 59 projects in 57 school buildings will get worked on thanks to the funds, \$7.6 million of which came from the state (supplied by the state Department of Education and Department of Human Services) and \$8 million from the School Dis-

trict of Philadelphia. About 90 percent of the district's schools were created before 1978 when federal law banned the use of lead paint. But beyond just the environmental issues, a January 2017 report said that Philly schools needed a total of \$5 billion in rehabilitation to cover a total of 12,000 repairs.

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Some of the other projects planned by the School District include replacing aging HVAC systems to prevent mold, removing asbestos from seven locations with the Philly Department of Health, renovating 11 pre-K to 3rd grade classrooms for early literacy classes, and major construction at five schools. By 2019, Roosevelt will get \$7.8 million of upgrades as it is converted from a middle school to an elementary school.

"The more than \$15 million investment that begins the cleanup of health risks in Philadelphia schools is long overdue and it's a huge win for our children," Sen. Hughes said in a statement, noting that Philly schools still face a variety of funding issues. "The governor and the school district have made this investment happen and they should be congratulated for their work, but we are not finished in finding even more resources to help our children. Today, let's celebrate this wonderful investment in our children's future; tomorrow, let's get back to work and finish the job."

With the recent dissolution of the School Reform Commission, Philadelphia schools will be under local control as of July 2018. The new Board of Education will hold its first meeting ever at 5 p.m. on Monday, July 9, at the School District of Philadelphia offices at 440 N. Broad Street.

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I tried to be body positive. Here's how it went

With body-positive tips from model Charli Howard, I made a vow to enjoy this beach vacation.



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I've struggled with my weight and body image for most of my life, so when I was offered the trip of a lifetime to spend a long weekend in Grand Cayman, I knew I had to work on being more body positive.

So I made a pact with myself to not let myself — and my long-unhealthy mindset — keep

me from enjoying everything on my itinerary: hitting the beach, snorkeling, paddleboarding, jet-skiing and swimming with stingrays. All, of course, while wearing nothing but the dreaded bathing suit.

Before I headed to the clear teal waters of Grand Cayman, I asked Charli Howard, a body-positive model,

"Misfit" author and co-founder of the All Woman Project, for a few body-positivity pointers that I could employ while at the Westin Grand Cayman Seven Mile Beach Resort and Spa.

Body Positive Tip 1: Live in the now. As a journalist writing an article on body posi-

tivity, I knew I'd need to be photographed, a lot, in my swim suit. So, in the weeks leading up to the trip, I found myself focusing on what those pictures would look like — and the potential comments from online trolls — but Howard nipped that in the bud.

"You're already worried about what people will think about your bikini photos, rather than just looking forward to the holiday itself," she said. "The likelihood is that no one will write a comment about you in your bathing suit

— and if they do, they'll probably be from trolls on private accounts." Did it work? Yes. I got more excited for the incredible experiences awaiting me, and 10 minutes after arriving at the Westin, I was happily playing in the surf with no thoughts other than how gorgeous Seven Mile Beach and its wa-

ter was — and how much fun I was having.

Body Positive Tip 2: Find the right swimsuit "Get a bathing suit that makes you feel comfortable," Howard suggested. "I look 10 sizes bigger in low-cut bikini

bottoms, but I feel fabulous in high-waisted, '50s styles. The more confident you feel, the less likely you are to worry!" Did it work? Absolutely. I think I'll always feel self-conscious about my stomach and thighs, but in my

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Charli Howard

Sophia Loren-inspired brown one-piece with tummy control and skirt, I truly felt fabulous. My purple-and-white one-piece also had a skirt, and both suits highlighted my narrow waist, which I realize I must accentuate more in real clothes.

Body Positive Tip 3: Forget looking "perfect"

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I may not have stood up on that paddleboard but as a first-timer, I'm damn proud I didn't let my body-image issues keep me on the beach as they would have in the past. MARC BABIN/WESTIN GRAND CAYMAN SEVEN MILE BEACH

"As women who are subjected to seeing tons of body-shaming, overly retouched ads throughout our daily lives, we've come to believe that we need to look perfect in a bikini or that people will be judging us when we're in our swimsuits," Howard said. "But the truth is no one cares! Everyone is too busy focusing on themselves to care." **Did it work?** Yes, with practice. That first swimsuit reveal in front of my companions made me anxious, but within minutes, it was forgotten as we got to know each other. I was mortified to be the first who struggled to get back up on my Jet Ski after snorkeling in open water, but then others did, too, and we laughed about it. Having my nearly naked body fully (and heavenly!) massaged in Westin's Hibiscus Spa took getting used to but when bad thoughts of how I must look arose, I batted them away by focusing on how the massage was making me feel and then was truly able to relax and revel in the ahhh.

Body Positive Tip 4: It's not what you look like "There is so much more to life than what you look like!" Howard said. "Do you honestly want to look back in 40 years' time and



Before my trip to Grand Cayman, I got body-positive tips from Charli Howard, model, author of "Misfit" and soon-to-be published children's book "Splash," and co-founder of the All Woman Project. PROVIDED

wonder why you worried so much about what you looked like? No! Holidays are a rarity — enjoy them while you have the chance." **Did it work?** Sort of. Seeing the first photo of myself from the trip, in my bathing suit with a stingray, I immediately zeroed in on my body, but then I remembered Howard's words and instead saw myself smiling in complete wonderment as I held sweet Frisbee, who nestled against my chest as I stood on a sandbar in the most beautiful water I'd ever seen. I did have to retrain my brain after viewing every image of myself but it got easier to see happiness with my new experiences as a priority for the very first time in my life — and that, friends, is a body-positive experiment gone right.



It wasn't hard to forget my long-unhealthy body issues as I snuggled with sweet Frisbee, the barless stingray at Stingray City in Grand Cayman. MARC BABIN/WESTIN GRAND CAYMAN SEVEN MILE BEACH



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AC hits the jackpot!

From Thursday's first round through the weekend, Atlantic City celebrated the hopes of two new casinos and more.



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Whether you spent Thursday with a T-shirt-wearing Mark Wahlberg for a chilled-out ribbon cutting outside Ocean Resort Casino (he's got a Wahlburgers eatery there), or inside the Hard Rock Hotel & Casino's Etes Arena for that company's excitable, spangled, confetti-strewn opening guitar smash festivities, you were part of Atlantic City history.

And, that was only the beginning, as Friday and Saturday saw acts debuting on the live music-centric Hard Rock's stages (Carrie Underwood and Pitbull at Etes, Springs-

teen drummer Max Weinberg at the Café), and renowned mix-masters (Diplo, Kaskade, Jermaine Dupri) to the DJ-focused HQ2 at Ocean Resorts. By Sunday, country crooner Sam Hunt commenced 2018's Beach Concert series, to an estimated 60,000-plus crowd.

From city officials to rumor mongering locals, between 700,000 and one million visitors hit AC during this comeback weekend. However, it all started Thursday with private and public walkthroughs through the vastly differing hotel-casino spaces.

When it came to Ocean Resorts — Colorado-based real estate developer Bruce Deifik's \$200 million takeover of the Revel property — the arcuated, circular space looked familiar to one-time Revel visitors, but simply wasn't as confusing or foreboding to gamblers. Rather than deal with burlesque entertainers on a clinical, but overly complicated ca-

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sino floor (true in Revel's past), Ocean Resorts casino — 131,000 square feet of gaming space — was roomy, uncluttered, warm and welcoming with plenty of new slots and gaming tables. While many of the stores on Ocean Resorts' retail row weren't yet open, and its tony Topgolf game spot faced delays, most of its restaurants (including Jose Garces' Amada, which hosted one of the opening VIP events) were ready for fine dining services.

The main thing, however — for the hundreds on Thursday standing in line to sign up for player's

cards — was the sportsbook operation at Ocean Resorts, run by British bookmaking company, William Hill.

Atlantic City's second sports betting operation to open (The Borgata's popped on Day 1, June 14), ORC's sportsbook parlor wasn't completely ready — the finished spot opens in August. Yet, on Thursday, five tellers were ready for action, posting odds on baseball games, the Super Bowl, soccer matches, the WNBA and more.

Though there was a mix-up with not being able to watch the Phillies as the bar's sportsbook viewing package didn't include NBC Sports Philadelphia (chalk that up to opening day jitters), Wahlberg managed to throw down \$100 on the Eagles (8-1) and Patriots (6-1) to win the Super Bowl, and \$200 on the Cleveland Browns to claim victory in five games next season. Despite minor glitches, all was well at Ocean Resorts.



Mark Wahlberg places ceremonial first bet at William Hill Sports Book on June 28, 2018 in Atlantic City. GETTY IMAGES

Though its sportsbook was quietly unfurling, Ocean Resorts was a sea of calm in comparison to the in-your-face (and ears) Hard Rock. From its guitar smash initiation to its oversized guitars hovering within entryway and above its escalators, Hard Rock Casino's opening (the former Trump Taj) was set to "11" on the volume meter. Much of that noise came from its clanging, bonging 2,100 slot machines (and no sportsbook as yet, as HRC is developing its 300 live events first year program). Beyond that, it was Hard Rock's signature loud music — a tangle of

Billy Joel karaoke coming from one bar, Jerry Blavat spinning '50s and '60s R&B faves outside the Café while various live rock bands came roaring through its indoor portion — that roared beyond a casino's usual din.

To complement the insistent screech, Hard Rock's every wall, scone and crevice is filled with oversized photos of rock royalty in live settings, to say nothing of its renowned museum-like dedication to memorabilia. Prince's "Lovesexy" stage suit, Michael Jackson's fedora and Swarovski crystal-encrusted glove, Elvis Presley's 1963 Rolls

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Royce, Stevie Nicks' gauzy witchy dress, high-top and low-top footwear from Ed Sheeran and Nicki Minaj, John Lennon's handwritten lyrics to "Imagine," James Brown's crown, Jimi Hendrix's phone-book — all are displayed like a DaVinci or a Pollock.

Special attention is paid to New Jersey with a brightly-lit alcove dedicated to Jon Bon Jovi's vest, Springsteen's "Born in the USA" tour clothes, Frank Sinatra tchotchkes and other totems from Debbie Harry and Lauryn Hill.

There's also a Wentworth Gallery featuring paintings and photos from rock-out greats such as Paul Stanley (KISS) and Ric Okasek (The Cars). That all of this glittering stuff comes at you without too much context, beyond the whiff and sight of gaudy rock/R&B history in all its finest and freakiest, is the whole point of everything good that is the Hard Rock aesthetic. If it rocks hard, it's worth putting up on a wall of a spa, into a cocktail, or within one's sightlines.

Separately and together equally, Ocean Resorts and Hard Rock Casino

have a long road ahead of them in their quest for entertaining and enticing Atlantic City's gambling, watching, listening minion. And that's the point:

To keep crowds coming, this town's casinos, new and old, will need to work as one. Thursday was a great start.

OPENING NIGHT CELEBRITY GOSSIP

On Thursday evening, Mark Wahlberg was heard to have met up with fellow actor Jamie Foxx at Ocean Resorts' HQ2, both as invited guests of the casino. After sharing a dance with Wahlberg, the mega-social Foxx entertained the packed club's throng with free Dom Pérignon and a line dancing free-for-all.

After that, Foxx headed to the Scores gentlemen's club inside Hard Rock where he ran into "Creed II" star Michael B. Jordan (who also spent time as an invited guest at Hard Rock's DAER night spot) and reality-turned-porn star Farah Abraham, before strolling onto the Boardwalk at 6 a.m.

THE HISTORICAL OVERVIEW

Forty years after New Jersey legalized casinos, opened its first hot spot (Resorts) and commenced its reign as a betting East Coast mecca with beachfront amenities; several years after said dream crumbled with five casinos (including Trump Taj Mahal and the \$2.4 billion boner Revel) shuttered, leaving seven casinos standing on shaky

legs; considering the shore town's recession woes, notions of bankruptcy, the hard competition of casinos in neighboring states, and even a recent slow-building rebound — Atlantic City, on Thursday, was back, and, maybe better than ever, due to the advantage of newly legalized sports betting, and provocative live entertainment programs.



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Steal an American election, steal a World Cup match — is it all in a day's work for the Russian strongman Donald Trump praises so often and so lavishly?

Football fans around the world certainly have fresh cause to be suspicious of Vladimir Putin. Do we have to add "unofficial Russian goal-tender" to Putin's many titles now?

There on the pitch in Moscow, in the 114th minute of a drab-but-important Russia-Spain match on Sunday, Russia's victory was sealed when Spain had a late penalty turned down. Spain's Gerard Pique and Sergio Ramos were both slammed down by a mob of Russian defenders. Yet the referee was never instructed to review the

encounter and waved the play on.

Russia went on to win the game on penalties.

Spanish fans were in an understandable uproar. The collision sure looked one-sided, and the consequences were profound. So why no review? Where was the VAR, the Video Assistant Referee who is supposed to study the video footage and settle close or controversial calls?

Were match officials intimidated by Putin's ruthless reputation or his prominent presence in the stands, rooting for the home team. Millions of Twitters users, and not just in Spain, needed no further convincing: He'd slammed his big, fat fist on the scale.

"Putin was standing behind the VAR officials with a Polonium Sand-



Russia's World Cup win over Spain will be one more interesting topic for discussion at July 16's Trump-Putin summit. GETTY IMAGES

wich," tweeted @HashtagObvious.

"Ref had to balance making the right decision against his ability to touch car door handles with confidence for rest of life," tweeted @MenInBlazers.

The one active Twitter account that remained oddly silent was one that is silent on almost nothing else, @RealDon-

aldTrump.

Trump and Putin are meeting July 16 in Helsinki, Sweden, for a one-on-one mutually flattering summit. After Trump gets done grilling Putin about Russia's long-proven hack-attack on the 2016 election, the U.S. president can mention the highly questionable World Cup call.

Oh, that's right.

On the election attack, Trump still accepts Putin's long-discredited denials, tweeting again last week: "Russia continues to say they had nothing to do with Meddling in our Election!" — exclamation point most assuredly the American president's.

Sorry, Spain, you're a NATO ally. There's no hope for you here.

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Putin congratulates Russia for World Cup win over Spain

President Vladimir Putin congratulated Russia's World Cup team for its 4-3 win over Spain in a phone call to the manager, the Kremlin said on Sunday, as the host country marked the surprise victory with raucous street celebrations.

In Sunday's other match, Croatia defeated Denmark, 3-2.

Russia entered the soccer World Cup ranked by FIFA as the tournament's weakest side, but has defied expectations by beating Saudi Arabia and Egypt easily and now reaching the quarter-finals.

The unexpected success of the national team has been a political boon for Putin, but the Russian president has attended only Russia's opening World Cup match.

Putin was unable to attend the game against Spain at Russia's flagship Luzhniki stadium in Moscow because of his



Russia upset heavily favored Spain, 4-3, on Sunday in the World Cup. GETTY IMAGES

busy schedule, Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov was quoted as saying by Interfax news agency, adding Putin watched the game remotely.

"Just like the whole country, Putin watched the game from start to finish and cheered for our [lads]," Peskov said.

After the match, Moscow erupted in street celebrations with throngs of people dancing in squares, street musicians playing the national anthem and fans chanting

"Russia!"

Putin called Russia manager Stanislav Cherchesov before the game to wish him luck and again after it to congratulate him, he said.

Russian Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev attended the game, watching with his wife from the stands. He later posted a photograph on social media of himself and Deputy Prime Minister Vitaly Mutko celebrating with the team. REUTERS



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The Statue of Liberty Museum needs your help

A \$10 million crowdfunding campaign begins on Monday.



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The Statue of Liberty Museum is looking to raise the final \$10 million of its \$100 million price tag through an Indiegogo crowdfunding campaign called For Lady Liberty, launching on Monday.



The museum will tell Lady Liberty's story and showcase her original torch. EVA KIS

When the Statue of Liberty needed a boost in 1885, the American people stepped in. Now, a new museum showcasing the statue's history and legacy on Liberty Island is turning to the world for a little help.

The Statue of Liberty Museum is looking to raise the final \$10 million of its \$100 million price tag through an Indiegogo crowdfunding campaign called For Lady Liberty (forladyliberty.org), launching on Monday.

Besides being a fitting gesture to continue

the legacy of friendship that inspired France to gift the Statue of Liberty to the U.S. in 1886, the campaign also echoes an important piece of the statue's own history.

A gift of friendship from France to the United States, the statue was completed by sculptor Frederic Auguste Bartholdi and engineer Gustave Eiffel (yes, of the

tower) in 1884. But New York City couldn't commit the final \$100,000 needed to build her a sufficiently grand pedestal, from where her torch could serve as a beacon to the ships full of immigrants she is meant to welcome.

Enter publishing magnate Joseph Pulitzer, who led what may

have been America's first crowdfunding campaign to get Lady Liberty's pedestal built. More than 120,000 contributions flooded in, most of them less than \$1, and Pulitzer printed their names in his newspaper, the New York World.

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Rendering of the museum, set to open in May 2019. STATUE OF LIBERTY-ELLIS ISLAND FOUNDATION

the 1986 centennial restoration, the American people have given whatever they could afford to support the Statue," says Richard Flood, vice president and chief advancement officer for The Statue of Liberty-Ellis Island Foundation. "This crowdfunding campaign honors that history, ensuring that our fundraising efforts are inclusive while also expanding the opportunity to a worldwide audience."

When the statue was badly in need of restoration 100 years later, the Statue of Liberty-Ellis Island Foundation was created to raise the funds. Once again, it was communities across the country who answered the call, including schoolchildren donating pennies, raising more than \$6 million.

For Lady Liberty includes several reward tiers, including commemorative items and a memorial within the

museum itself. All donations go toward the ongoing fundraising initiative led by chairwoman and fashion icon Diane von Furstenberg.

The Statue of Liberty Museum will offer three galleries exploring the museum's construction — including a re-creation of the workshop where it was built — and a spectacular new showcase for her original torch. It's expected to open in May 2019 and will be free to visit.

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SECONDHAND SMOKE!

Smoking Outside. Although I don't like passing people huddled outside buildings smoking, I get it. They can't smoke in the building. What I find really annoying are people who sit on

the GRUMBLE



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their front step to smoke? They don't want to pollute the air in their house, so they smoke outside. What about the public air that they are polluting with their

smoke. Many public spaces are now smoke free due to health concerns. I wish streets could be smoke free too. - Eno Beaumont, Metro Philly reader

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I was always taught to walk on the right but during rush hour this must mean the other right also. How about when walking

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through subway passages the majority walking traffic thinks they have the right to walk all over the passageway and opposing traffic has to be pushed to the wall? If you try to hold your ground and dare to move away from the wall you risk being bumped and causing a fight. You getting to where you have to go is not more important than anyone else getting to where they have to go.

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Aries You can make a difference if you give your all. If you speak up and share your plans, you'll get the help you need to get things done. Love and romance are encouraged.



Taurus Easy does it. Making hasty decisions or promising more than you can deliver will end up being emotionally and financially taxing. Protect personal possessions and passwords.



Gemini Travel may entice you, but make sure your plans are well thought out before taking off. Leave nothing to chance. Romance and personal improvement will lead to happier days ahead.



Cancer Someone you help will change your way of thinking or doing things. A meeting or new pursuit will surpass your expectations. A favor that will help you advance will be granted.



Leo Put greater emphasis on how you handle your money. Emotionally motivated spending will not make you feel better, but taking on a physical challenge will help blow off steam.



Virgo A change to your environment will spark your enthusiasm and encourage you to start a new project or pursue something you've wanted to do for some time. Get moving.



Libra If there is something you don't like, change it. Don't wait for someone else to make the first move. What you contribute now will give your voice strength in days to come.



Scorpio Know what you want to accomplish before you get started. Having a destination will make your journey that much easier. Strive for perfection and quality, not for quantity.



Sagittarius The changes someone else makes may not work that well for you. Look at the situation closely and proceed to do your own thing. Don't take an unnecessary risk.



Capricorn If you open up about what you want, you will be able to bring about positive change. Alter your living arrangements or consider how you can best utilize your space.



Aquarius Inconsistency should be a warning sign when dealing with others. Take note of the other party's spending habits and indulgences before you get involved in a joint venture.



Pisces Look at what you can do with what you already have. Your wealth is within you, and using your attributes to get to where you want to go will be sufficient. EUGENIA LAST

LIFESTYLE

Mimosas in bed? Yes, please!
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Have you heard about The Shore House?

The future is now at the newest beach accommodations in North Wildwood.



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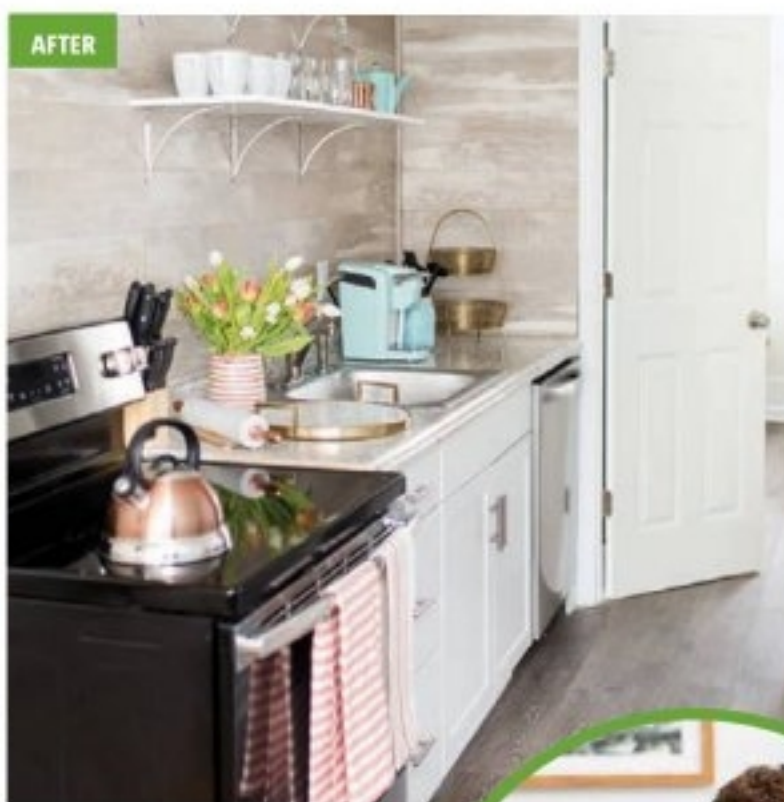
If you're like many Philadelphians, trips to the Wildwoods are an essential part of summer, and chances are, you've been making the trek since you were a kid.

In many ways, time stands still in this laid-back, shore town. Most of the old boardwalk favorites are still there and aside from the changing fashion, not much changes about a day at the beach. What could use a little updating, however, are the accommodations and Kevin Reardon of The Shore House is on the forefront of this movement.

The Philadelphia native practiced law in global finance in New York City for a number of years before beginning his Jersey shore venture with The Shore House. The 12-apartment motel in North Wildwood under-



A 1960s N. Wildwood motel has been revived as The Shore House.



went a complete makeover that goes beyond cosmetics and even dives into tech.

But why North Wildwood?

"The people and community of North Wildwood are really fantastic and it's in the midst of a resurgence," Reardon says. "Our location on 16th Avenue provides direct access to one of the best beaches in New Jersey, as well as the entrance to the boardwalk, the main lifeguard station, a new gated park

and the tramcar station."

The Shore House is also conveniently located a few blocks away from the soon-to-open Seaport Pier, which will feature a pool, a bar and a concert venue powered by Live Nation. Talk about a prime location.

When it came to the interior design elements, Reardon looked forward to the future while paying homage to Wildwood's history.

"Wildwood has a really interesting history going back to the early

1900's that I think people would find fascinating," he says. "This was once the stomping ground of music legends and is the largest collection of mid-century architecture. As part of this project I actually went to the Wildwood Historical Society and dug through the archives for mid-century inspiration, and took some of my favorite prints to put on rotating display in our apartments. At a time now when modern retro design has become cool again, I really think this

is powered through the company's app. That means you can skip the hassle of the front desk for check-in and checkout as well as enjoy keyless entry. Each guest is given an access code instead of those easy-to-lose room keys.

So, what about amenities? Aside from staying in Instagram-worthy accommodations, guests even get access to complimentary bikes and yoga mats. You're even provided with a schedule of local fitness classes so you can work up an appetite for pizza, soft serve and fudge on the boardwalk.

The Shore House has already seen a lot of success on Airbnb with hundreds of reservations by visitors from the United States and Europe.

If you're interested in staying there this summer, book as soon as a reservation opens up to secure a spot.

The Shore House is located at 422 E. 16th Avenue in North Wildwood. For more information, visit: stayshorehouse.com.

Kevin Reardon is the mastermind behind The Shore House.



is a perfect place to showcase the mixture of both old and new."

On the tech side of things, the entire experience at The Shore House

This truTV game show is helping people wipe out their student debt



Michael Torpey. JEREMY FREEMAN/TRUTV

Host Michael Torpey hopes "Paid Off" can spark a conversation around the crippling loan crisis.

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Over 44 million people are shackled with \$1.4 billion worth of student debt so it's safe to say that we are looking at a full blown crisis in our country. With schools setting their tuition at unobtainable price tags, the average student is forced to

take out either private or federal loans to front the bill. This debt sticks with them long after they earn their degrees and, in most cases, forces them into careers that may have not been their first choices simply to keep the collectors at bay. Consider it a "college industrial complex." Like many of us, actor Michael Torpey thinks

someone should do something about this, and he is taking up this mantle with his new game show "Paid Off" on truTV. The series — premiering on July 10th — follows similar parameters as tried and true standards like "Jeopardy" or "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire," but instead gives contestants chances to win money or even

eradicate their student debt in full by answering trivia questions. According to Torpey, even though the show is helping the people who are lucky enough to compete the chance to alleviate their debt, the main goal is to draw attention to this huge problem plaguing our country. "We're giving away money to people who really

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need it," explains Torpey, "but I only shot 16 episodes. Even if I live to be a million years old, we can't get to everybody. Putting a face on this issue is the more important part of this show." Although he is eliminating student debt one show at a time for others, Torpey lucked out when it came time for him to go to school. His parents

were able to take out a second line of equity on their home in order for him to study theater at Colgate University. But when he realized how much his wife had been struggling to pay off her loans after studying to be a psychotherapist, he truly started to understand the toll that this kind of debt can have on someone's life.

After booking an acting gig on a large national campaign for Hanes underwear with Michael Jordan, Torpey was able to pay off his wife's loans in full. To say it was a liberating moment is an understatement.

By having this kind of debt, Torpey believes people are not allowed to take the kind of risks they desire in order to follow their true passions. "As long as college is such an expensive thing — you're going to be pushing people into a smaller window of professions," he explains. "Who's going to pay for law school and then work for the Southern Poverty Law Center. No — they're going to become Panasonic's corporate lawyer." The whole show is revo-

lutionary in both feel and concept and — as someone who is still paying off his student loans — I couldn't help but clench my fists rooting for these contestants. Torpey is a natural as a game show host, making transitions with charm and ease. He also finds the right time to add sobering moments to make the viewers step back and realize what kind of a mess we are in, like in one episode where, after the commercial break, he addresses the viewers at home by saying, "If you are just tuning in — this is real life in America." Torpey considers these instances "Bob Barker" moments and, in an ideal world, we wouldn't need a game show to take on this issue. Congress could abolish the 90 percent of the student debt they control to let people actually live their lives.

"My show is a standing challenge to Congress," Torpey says.

"In an ideal world, this show would not be here," he adds. "I want Congress to watch this show and be embarrassed that it exists and feel they have to do something."

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LeBron James opted out of his contract with Cleveland on Friday, allowing him to sign with the Lakers Sunday night. GETTY IMAGES

LeBron signs with LA Lakers

Sixers dreams were shattered after King James signed a four-year \$154 million deal with the Lakers.

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The NBA world was rocked to its core on Sunday night when Klutch Sports Group announced that LeBron James signed a four-year, \$154 million deal to join the Los Angeles Lakers.

It was a far less-publicized move compared to his original departure from the Cleveland Cavaliers in 2010 when he had a TV spot titled "The Decision" to reveal that he was "taking his talents to South Beach" to join

the Miami Heat, but the choice is just as sizable.

James joining the Lakers officially ends his second stint with the Cavaliers, a four-year stay that yielded four Eastern Conference titles and one NBA title.

Despite having 15 NBA seasons under his belt, the 33-year-old is still considered one of the greatest players on the planet. He finished second behind Houston Rockets star James Harden in the league's MVP voting this year after averaging 27.5 points, a career-high 9.1 assists and 8.6 rebounds per game.

In an Instagram story helping reveal his move to Los Angeles, James thanked the Cavaliers for the last four seasons, adding "this will always be home."

But now James will

be tasked with turning around one of the proudest franchises in NBA history, though times have been tough as of late.

The Lakers, who are rebuilding, have not made the post season for five-straight seasons, the longest drought in franchise history, though things are improving.

With a developing nucleus of youngsters that include Lonzo Ball, Kyle Kuzma, Brandon Ingram and Julius Randle, Los Angeles won 35 games in 2017-18. That's the most wins in a single season since the 2012-13 campaign.

James quickly brings credibility to the Lakers in a loaded West and puts them in the conversation as contenders.

However, his streak of eight-straight NBA Finals appearances will be in

serious jeopardy in Hollywood. He will be competing in a conference that features the dynastic Golden State Warriors and the dangerous Houston Rockets coming off a 65-win season. That's far more harrowing a task than the mediocre East that provided a much easier road to the championship series.

Earlier on Sunday, the 76ers felt as if they were in the running to land King James. According to ESPN's Adrian Wojnarowski earlier on Sunday, the Sixers were expected to meet with James' representatives.

Also on Sunday, Paul George announced that he would be staying with the Oklahoma City Thunder, initially putting a damper on the dreams of Lakers fans. How things could change in 24 hours.

2018 FIFA World Cup



Koke of Spain is seen during the 2018 FIFA World Cup Russia Round of 16 match between Spain and Russia at the Luzhniki Stadium in Moscow, Russia on Sunday. Russia upset Spain, 4-3. GETTY IMAGES

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Phillies not bothered by growing strike out totals

Only the Padres have struck out more in the National League.

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Is it now OK to K?

That's baseball's universal symbol for the strike out, which once ruined Mighty Casey of Mudville fame and has been considered a necessary evil for sluggers ranging from The Babe, to Hank Aaron, to Barry Bonds and nowadays to Giancarlo Stanton and Aaron Judge.

But in 2018 you don't have to be a power hitter to strike out. Seemingly everybody across baseball does, especially here where the Phillies often have nearly as many K's among their 27 outs as balls hit to the fielders.

Yet as far as Gabe Kapler is concerned strikeouts simply come with the territory of working the pitcher and testing his complete repertoire.

"The way we try to run our offense we want to see as many pitches as possible," said Kapler, whose club struck out 15 times in last Monday's

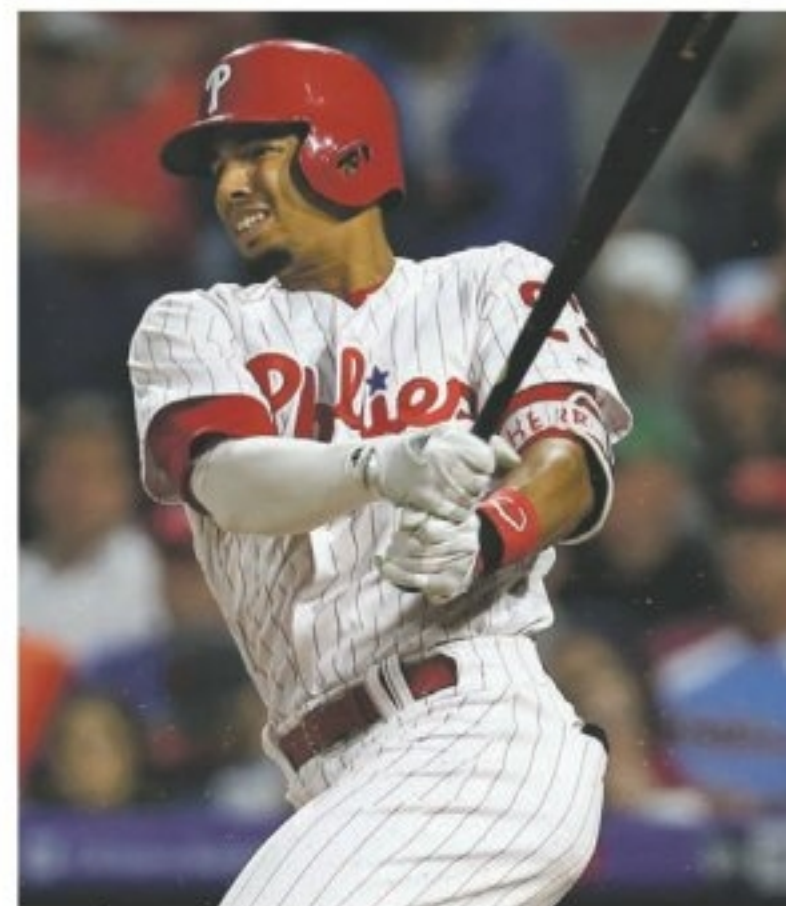
4-2 loss to the Yankees, the fifth time already this year they've fanned that often. "Sometimes that leads to strikeouts.

"Anytime you see 6-7-8 pitches you're in a two strike count and sometimes going to punch out. But if we can put the ball in play more often at the end of those two strike counts that's when you have a really good team."

You can debate if the 2018 Phillies are a really good team but the fact remains only the lowly Padres have struck out more in the National League. Kapler's club is averaging 9.7 K's a game, but since they're currently second in the NL East and in wild card position, unlike many of his counterparts — he can live with it.

"A lot of people believe the way you get a competitive advantage right now is to not strike out," said Kapler, who averaged 40 strikeouts during his 12 year playing career, never more than 74.

"Unfortunately, all hitters aren't built that way and it's not something you can just turn on or off. My point is everybody has a different value system for offense. Mine personally is as long



Aaron Altherr has struck out 70 times in just 180 at-bats. GETTY IMAGES

as you're at the end of those long at bats walking sometimes and doing damage — doubles and home runs— the strikeouts are more acceptable. "

Not to everyone though.

"Guys are trying not to strikeout," insisted Aaron Altherr, who's fanned 70 times in just 180 at bats through Tuesday, fourth most on the team. "We've got to find a way.

"Pitchers are making adjustments. We have to make adjustments. Try to find something that works for you to put ball in play more often."

"I don't like striking out," said Mikael Franco, the toughest Phillie regular to fan with just 34. "I try to put the ball in play, because when you put the ball in play you have more chances."

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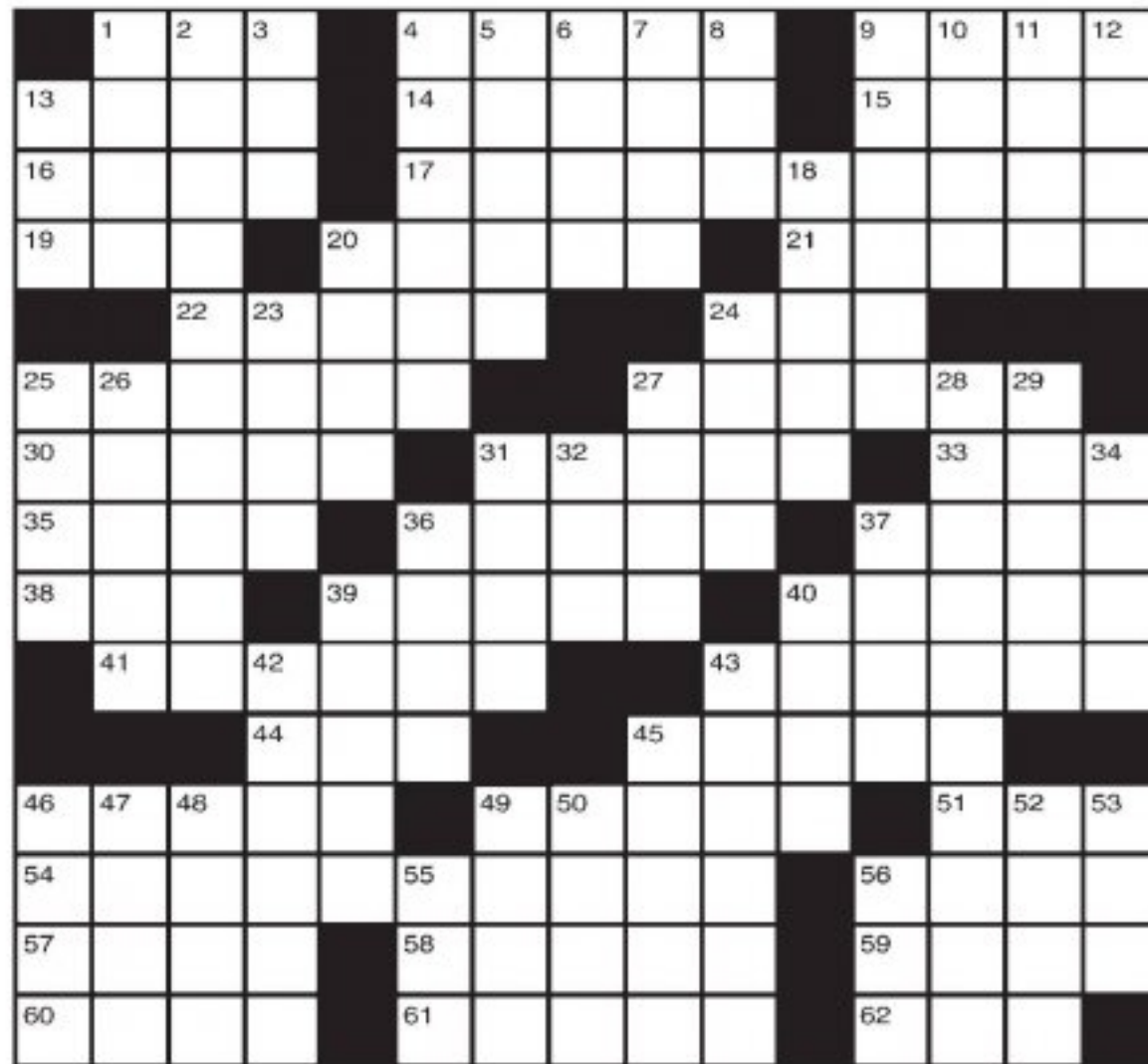
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